आतंकवादियों का आपस में कोई लिंक है तो उसके बारे में सरकार उसका क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : पहले सवाल का जवाब यह है कि यह डिप्लोमेटिक लैवल पर ही बातें हो सकती हैं, इससे ज्यादा गवर्नमेंट इसमें और दूसरी बात कर नहीं पाएगी । दूसरा जो हथियार लेकर आतंवादी यहां पर बार्डर क्रास करके इंडिया में आते हैं उनको रोकने के लिए मैंने पहले ही कहा 3-4 कदम हम उठा रहे हैं । लेकिन उसकी गति कम है, यह मैं खुद मानने के लिए तैयार हूं । कल उन चीफ सेक्रेटरी की मीटिंग बुला कर उनकी तरह से लैंड एक्विजीशन इमीडिएटली हो वह जमीन कब्जे में देने के बाद फिर उसके यह आगे की कार्यवाही करना आसान हो जाएगा ।

Non-approval of production targets recommended by ONGC

*43. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production targets set for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 as recommended by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have not been approved by Government ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the failure to do so would have an adverse effect on the working of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Different production targets were recommended by ONGC from time to time. However, the final revised target was fixed at 29 million tonnes for 1991-92. The target for the year 1992-93 is in the process of being finalised.

(c) According to ONGC, no, Sir.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Sir, the hon. Minister has said that different production targets were recommended by the ONGC from time to time. I want to know the date on which the targets were recommended to the Government by the ONGC for 1991-92. And what is the date on which the same was ultimately approved and if there is a time-lag between them—whatever may be the time-lag—what is the reason therefor ? This is my first supplementary, Sir. For 1992-93, as said in the reply, the matter is under process. When was the target recommended by the ONGC for 1992-93 to the Government ? What is the time that has passed ? And why they have not been approved so far ? This is the first supplementary.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, to make things clear, targets are estimated depending on various factors by the ONGC initially. Now, the process of fixing targets for the year 1991-92 started before we came to power, that is, before June, 1991.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : I have not asked when you came to power. I have asked for the date. I want no exculpating Statements from you.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : I may not be able to give the .... (*Interruption*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : I want to know when you got the target.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : I am just giving the date.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : I request the hon. Minister not to sidetrack. The time available is limited. At least there are ten minutes if he is not trying to side-track.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : For the benefit of the hon. Member and of the House, I can give the entire dates, the targets given and the remarks, if the House is willing to listen. I have the full details with me.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Is it long ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : In the Eighth Plan Document, the target was fixed at 32.192 million tonnes.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : What is the date on which you got the target ?

श्री बी० शंकरानन्द : सभी दे रहा हूं । आप सुन लो . . . (व्यवधान) . . . अरे भाई, सुन लो सभी दे रहा हूं आपको । Have only patience. I will give you the entire dates, the entire development.

This target was finalised in consultation with the Ministry and the ONGC during the Plan discussions held in September, 1990 and published in the Planning Commission Document in November, 1990.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You only give what he asked for.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Then the Oil Economy Budget came. The target provided by the ONGC when the Oil Economy Budget was prepared in November, 1990 .... (*Interruption*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : The question is specific about the production targets. No other targets are the subject-matter of this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Minister may kindly confine his answer to production targets.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, he wants the date; he wants the month; he wants the year and all that.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : When was the production target recommended by the ONGC to the Government ? (*Interruptions*). When was the target for production of oil recommended by the ONGC to the Government ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He only wants to know that.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the hon. Member have the patience to listen to what I say ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do not make it too long.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : The time will be over.

MR. CHAIRMAN : On which date was the production target recommended ? That is all.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : The ONGC has come up with various estimated targets on various occasions. Not only once. How can I give one date ? That is the problem.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He says they have been changing their targets.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : That is what I am saying.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : I want it for 1991-92, not for other years.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He wants the date for 1991-92.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : This is being finalised, as I said, and this has already been sent to the .... (*Interruption*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : This is 1992-93. For 1991-92, you have specifically admitted that it was fixed at 29 million tonnes. What was the date on which this target was recommended to you and you agreed to it ? Give that date also, so that we can appreciate how efficiently your Ministry is working.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I can give the date. The date is 8-4-1991. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Is this the date of acceptance ? What is the date of approval ? When did you accept it ? When did you approve it ? Give us the date of approval. 8-4-91 is the date on which it came to you. What is the date on which you accepted it ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Did you accept it ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I have the date. It is not that I don't have

the date. I will give the date to the hon. Member. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : You better reshuffle your office and put somebody who is smart enough to answer all these questions instead of wasting the time of this House. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : It is not a secret date. I will give you the date later on. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Salaria, he will supply you the date later on. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Sir, it is not my property alone. It is the nation's property. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : But the question was not on the date.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : No, Sir. The question is there. The question is whether it is a fact that .... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister requires notice for the date. You put your second supplementary. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Does he want notice for the date ? I submit, Sir, he is avoiding mentioning the date because it has been accepted very late. (*Interruptions*). He is avoiding it. He is hiding it from the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has given you all the information. Now, you pass on to your second supplementary. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, the dates are not sacrosanct. They are not secret. The allegation of the hon. Member seems to be that the targets have been accepted by the Ministry late. That is his allegation. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : I am not saying whether the dates are sacrosanct or not. I ask : what is the date ? I ask nothing more. Tell us the date. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Put your second supplementary.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : My second supplementary is with regard to 1992-93. Mr. Minister, have you received the targets from the ONGC for 1992-93 and if so, when ? Please answer this question. When did you receive the target from the ONGC for 1992-93 ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has understood it. Why are you repeating it ? (*Interruptions*). This is not a court. You are cross-examining the Minister. Please hear him. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : I am giving the date now. I got the date. I will give you the date now. (*Interruptions*). But it is only one date. That date is 21-12-91.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : My second supplementary, Sir, pertains to 1992-93. The first supplementary pertained to 1991-92.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Put your second supplementary.

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : In the second supplementary, the question is that the hon. Minister has admitted that they have received the recommendations of the ONGC for the production target of 1992-93. When did they receive that ? Please answer.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, I cannot plead with him. I can plead with the House. I will give the dates to the hon. Member. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : When will you give the date ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, you may kindly direct the Minister to give a specific reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.